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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended): A server comprising:

a storage section for storing a plurality of first information pieces;

a corresponding information storage section for storing a plurality of second information pieces in one-to-one correspondence with the plurality of the first information pieces, the second information pieces including content information pieces indicating contents of the first information pieces or attribute information pieces indicating attributes of the first information pieces;

an output section for outputting the first information pieces to be outputted to a terminal together with the second information pieces corresponding to the first information pieces to be outputted; and

a storage control section,

wherein when the outputted second information piece, updated at the terminal, is returned from the terminal, the storage control section stores the returned second information pieces in place of the second information pieces before outputting in the corresponding information storage section.

2. (original): The server according to claim 1, wherein the second information pieces include the content information pieces and the attribute information pieces.

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3. (previously presented): The server according to claim 1, further comprising a batch information storage section for storing batch information which indicates the contents and attributes of all information pieces stored in the storage section,

wherein the output section outputs the batch information together with the first information pieces and the second information pieces to the terminal; and

when the output batch information is returned from the terminal, the storage control section stores the returned batch information in the batch information storage section in place of the batch information before outputting.

4. (previously presented): The server according to claim 3, wherein the batch information includes batch content information which collectively indicates the contents of all first information pieces stored in the storage section or batch attribute information which collectively indicates the attributes of all first information pieces.

5. (previously presented): The server according to claim 3, wherein the batch information includes at least batch content information which collectively indicates the contents of all first information pieces stored in the storage section and batch attribute information which collectively indicates the attributes of all first information pieces.

6. (currently amended): The server according to claim 1,

wherein the first information pieces are a plurality of pieces of music;

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the content information pieces are titles of the pieces of music, and
the attribute information pieces are utilization information pieces indicating a degree of utilizing to which the pieces of music are utilized in the terminal.

7. (original): A terminal comprising:

a storage section for storing a plurality of first information pieces;
an acquisition section for acquiring a plurality of second information pieces in one-to-one correspondence with the plurality of the first information pieces together with the first information pieces corresponding to the second information pieces, the second information pieces including content information pieces indicating contents of the first information pieces or attribute information pieces indicating attributes of the first information pieces;

a utilization section for utilizing the acquired first information pieces;

an update section for updating the second information pieces corresponding to the utilized first information pieces, depending on a mode of utilizing the first information pieces;
and

a return section for returning the updated second information pieces to the server.

8. (original): The terminal according to claim 7, wherein the second information pieces include the content information pieces and the attribute information pieces.

9. (previously presented): The terminal according to claim 7,

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wherein the acquisition section acquires batch information which indicates the contents and attributes of all first information pieces stored in the storage section from the server together with the first information pieces and the second information pieces;

the update section updates the acquired batch information depending on the mode of utilizing the first information pieces; and

the return section returns the updated second information pieces and the updated batch information to the server.

10. (previously presented): The terminal according to claim 9, wherein the batch information includes batch content information which collectively indicates the contents of all first information pieces stored in the storage section or batch attribute information which collectively indicates the attributes of all first information pieces.

11. (previously presented): The terminal according to claim 9, wherein the batch information includes at least batch content information which collectively indicates the contents of all first information pieces stored in the storage section and batch attribute information which collectively indicates the attributes of all first information pieces.

12. (currently amended): The terminal according to claim 7,
wherein the first information pieces are a plurality of pieces of music;
the content information pieces are titles of the pieces of music, and

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the attribute information pieces are utilization information pieces indicating a degree of utilizing to which the pieces of music are utilized in the terminal.

13. (currently amended): An information processing system comprising:

a server; and

a terminal connected to the server via a network,

wherein the server comprising:

a first storage section for storing a plurality of first information pieces;

a corresponding information storage section for storing a plurality of second information pieces in one-to-one correspondence with the plurality of the first information pieces, the second information pieces including content information pieces indicating contents of the first information pieces or attribute information pieces indicating attributes of the first information pieces;

an output section for outputting the first information pieces to be outputted to a terminal together with the second information pieces corresponding to the first information pieces to be outputted; and

a storage control section,

the terminal comprising:

a second storage section for storing the plurality of first information pieces;

an acquisition section for acquiring the plurality of second information pieces together with the first information pieces corresponding to the second information pieces;

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a utilization section for utilizing the acquired first information pieces;

an update section for updating the second information pieces corresponding to the utilized first information pieces, depending on a mode of utilizing the first information pieces;
and

a return section for returning the updated second information pieces to the server, and when the outputted second information piece, updated at the terminal, is returned from the terminal, the storage control section of the server stores the returned second information pieces in place of the second information pieces before outputting in the corresponding information storage section.

14. (original): The information processing system according to claim 13, wherein the second information pieces include the content information pieces and the attribute information pieces.

15. (currently amended): A computer-executable server program embodied on a computer-readable medium, the computer-executable server program causing a server computer contained in a server to function as:

a storage section for storing a plurality of first information pieces;

a corresponding information storage section for storing a plurality of second information pieces in one-to-one correspondence with the plurality of the first information pieces, the second information pieces including content information pieces indicating contents of the first

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information pieces or attribute information pieces indicating attributes of the first information pieces;

an output section for outputting the first information pieces to be outputted to a terminal together with the second information pieces corresponding to the first information pieces to be outputted; and

a storage control section,

wherein when the outputted second information piece, updated at the terminal, is returned from the terminal, the storage control section stores the returned second information pieces in place of the second information pieces before outputting in the corresponding information storage section.

16. (original): An information record medium according to claim 15, wherein the second information pieces include the content information pieces and the attribute information pieces.

17. (previously presented): A computer-executable terminal program embodied on a computer-readable medium, the computer-executable terminal program causing a terminal computer contained in a terminal to function as:

a storage section for storing a plurality of first information pieces;

an acquisition section for acquiring a plurality of second information pieces in one-to-one correspondence with the plurality of the first information pieces together with the first

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information pieces corresponding to the second information pieces, the second information pieces including content information pieces indicating contents of the first information pieces or attribute information pieces indicating attributes of the first information pieces;

a utilization section for utilizing the acquired first information pieces;

an update section for updating the second information pieces corresponding to the utilized first information pieces, depending on a mode of utilizing the first information pieces;

and

a return section for returning the updated second information pieces to the server.

18. (original): The information record medium according to claim 17, wherein the second information pieces include the content information pieces and the attribute information pieces.